

Noble Maseru, Ph.D., MPH Health Commissioner Board of Health City of Cincinnati

MEDIA ADVISORY

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THE CINCINNATI HEALTH DEPARTMENT'S CHILDHOOD LEAD POISONING PREVENTION PROGRAM AWARDED A \$3,000,000 HUD GRANT

News Conference

WHAT: Dr. Noble Maseru, City of Cincinnati Health Commissioner,

and the Board of Health are proud to announce a \$3 million HUD grant to the CHD Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention

Program.

WHEN: Thursday, September 20, 2007

11:00 a.m.

WHERE: 3101 Burnet Avenue

Cincinnati Health Department

1st Floor Delores L. Bowen Auditorium

Now that we have this money the City of Cincinnati will be seeing a burst of new activity above and beyond what it has been done in the recent past. Grant will be used primarily for lead abatement, lead contractor/renovator training, blood lad screenings, lead-safe mitigation courses; abatement of units, HEPA Vacuum Loan Program, educating nurses at the College of Nursing about lead hazards and impact on children below ix years of age and outreach and education.

"We congratulate Rashmi Aparajit, Manager Supervising Sanitarian (CHD Lead Prevention Program) and her team who worked diligently to achieve this monumental accomplishment. It is a tipping point to moving the city toward the goal of elimination of lead poisoning by the year 2010. The expected results from these resources will lead to a public health breakthrough for Cincinnatians" said Dr. Maseru.

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